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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-15. (canceled)

16. (new) A device for ascertaining and displaying at least one physical, chemical, or biological property of a test liquid or for detecting substances and/or organisms contained therein by reaction with at least one indicator or reactant, said device comprising: at least one deep-drawn cup-shaped element delimiting at least one reaction chamber that has at least one inlet opening for the test liquid; a covering film closing said element; and an indicator or reactant at least partly accessible to, or positioned within, the reaction chamber.

17. (new) The device of claim 16, wherein at least one of the shape and material properties of said reaction chamber is selected such that a temporary reduction of the initial volume of said reaction chamber followed by a

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restoration of the initial volume generates a restoring effect such that the original shape of said reaction chamber is at least essentially restored, generating a suction action within said reaction chamber.

18. (new) The device of claim 17, wherein the restoring effect is attained by the choice of the shape and properties of the material of said deep-drawn cup-shaped element.

19. (new) The device of claim 16, further comprising an indicator chamber, and wherein said indicator or reactant is a test strip stored in said indicator chamber.

20. (new) The device of claim 19, wherein said test strip is a litmus test strip.

21. (new) The device of claim 19, wherein said indicator chamber is disposed at the opposite side of said reaction chamber from said inlet opening.

22. (new) The device of claim 19, wherein said indicator chamber is disposed between said inlet opening and said reaction chamber.

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23. (new) The device of claim 16, wherein said indicator or reactant is at least one liquid that is kept in readiness in said indicator chamber, and said indicator chamber can be made to communicate with said reaction chamber.

24. (new) The device of claim 23, wherein said deep-drawn cup-shaped element and said covering film have a peelable zone via which said reaction chamber and said indicator chamber are joined together.

25. (new) The device of claim 16, wherein said indicator or reactant is at least one solid that is kept in readiness in said indicator chamber, and the test liquid has access to said indicator chamber, or the test liquid can reach said reaction chamber from said indicator chamber.

26. (new) The device of claim 25, wherein said deep-drawn cup-shaped element and said covering film have a peelable zone via which said reaction chamber and said indicator chamber are joined together.

27. (new) The device of claim 25, wherein said indicator or reactant is in the form of a tablet.

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28. (new) The device of claim 16, wherein said device has a peripheral region at which said deep-drawn cup-shaped element and said covering film are joined together, and said peripheral region has at least one of recesses and indentations that allow said device to be set upright or hung up.

29. (new) The device of claim 16, further comprising at least one information-carrying medium in the immediate vicinity of said indicator or reactant or of said reaction chamber, wherein said medium shows the possible states of said indicator or reactant after reaction with the test liquid.

30. (new) The device of claim 29, wherein said information-carrying medium shows the colors of said indicator or reactant after reaction with the test liquid.

31. (new) The device of claim 29, wherein said device further comprises a further deep-drawn cup-shaped element that borders on said reaction chamber, and said information-carrying medium is a comparison test strip disposed in said further deep-drawn cup-shaped element.

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32. (new) The device of claim 31, further comprising an indicator chamber, and wherein said indicator or reactant is a test strip stored in said indicator chamber.

33. (new) The device of claim 16, wherein: said device further comprises a breakaway tip that can be broken away to expose said inlet opening, said tip is joined to said reaction chamber; and said device further has a line of weakened material between said tip and said reaction chamber.

34. (new) The device of claims 16, wherein: said at least one reaction chamber comprises two reaction chambers; said device further comprises two indicator chambers, each for containing an indicator or reactant; said device defines a common conduit through which said two reaction chambers can communicate; and said device further has a line of weakened material between said two reaction chambers to allow said device to be broken in order to form respective inlet openings to said two reaction chambers.

35. (new) The device of claim 16, wherein said inlet opening is formed by a stamped-out feature, and said

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device further comprises an adhesive film covering said inlet opening.